GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3920
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Withering El Nino
Singh Shri Hukum

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of Australia"s Weather Bureau information on withering El Nino and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Meteorological official has warned floods in the country as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and comments of the Government thereupon to face such situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes Madam. Government is aware of the advisory from the Bureau of Meteorology, Australia on Withering of El Nino and setting up of La Nino conditions.

(b-c) India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued forecasts for the second half of the season (August + September) on 01 August 2016 as under;

â€¢ Quantitatively, the rainfall over the country as a whole during the second half of the season is likely to be 107% of LPA with a model error of Â±8%. The rainfall during August is likely to be 104 Â± 9% of LPA as was forecasted in June
â€¢ The season (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 106% of LPA with a model error of Â±4% as was forecasted in June.
â€¢ IMD, thus predicted on above normal monsoon rainfall during the second half of the monsoon.